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Testimony in support of HB 5262 and SB 184

Greetings to all members of the Government Administration and Elections Committee:

My name is Nakitta Brown, I am a voter from New Haven, Connecticut. Passing both S.B. 184 and H.B. 5262 (Continuing Absentee Voting in 2022 due to COVID19) is extremely important to me because voting is a major civic responsibility that allows citizens to be a part of the electorate, to cast your ballot for the person you feel will be a government leader who will voice your opinions on public issues and concerns. Many fought for all to have equal access and opportunity to vote and we must do all that we can to make sure their fight was not in vain.

Voting is a right, we need for SB 184 and HB 5262 to be continued in 2022 since Covid 19 still persists in our environment. Many due to their health and mental health conditions are afraid of being exposed to Covid 19. Some are not able to receive vaccinations due to their current health issues while some may have chosen not to get vaccinated due to their own personal beliefs which does leave them and those whom they may come into contact with vulnerable to exposure.

I believe, no matter one's situation, all voters should have the access to vote by absentee ballot if they choose due to Covid 19. I humbly ask that you continue the Covid 19 safety measures of 2020 and 2021 for 2022, that would allow for everyone who fears exposure to Covid 19 to be able to vote via absentee ballot.

Please protect the freedom to vote and pass SB 184 and HB 5262. I thank you all for all that you do in service to our communities. I humbly ask that you continue to fight to preserve our right to vote by any means necessary.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of The Greater New Haven NAACP by

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